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then presently have killed with a *poinado* [dagger], which he had privily in his sleeve: ^vhich was espied and prevented by one JOHN CHAMBERLAYNE, who took the *poinado* out of his sleeve. Our General hastily rose up, and commanded him to be put prisoner in the Steward's room, and to be kept with two men. The faithless Spaniards thinking all things had been finished to their desire suddenly

had been finished to their desire, suddenly sounded a trumpet; and therewith 300 Spaniards entered the *Minion i* whereat our General, with a loud and fierce voice called unto us, saying, "GOD and Saint George! upon those traitorous villains, and rescue the Minion | I trust in GOD, the day shall be ours!

With that, the mariners and soldiers leaped out of the *J-esus* of Lubeck into the *Minion*, and beat out the Spaniards; and with a shot out of her *[the Minion]* fired the Spaniard's vice-admiral; where the most part of 300 Spaniards where applied and blown every applied. were spoiled, and blown overboard, with powder.

Their admiral also was on fire half an hour.

We cut our cables, wound off our ships, and presently fought with them. They came upon us on every side, and continued the fight from ten o'clock until it was night. They killed all our men that were on shore in the island; saving three [of whom HORTOP was one> see p. 330] which by swimming got aboard the Jesus of Lubeck. They sank the General's ship called the Angel, and took the Swallow. The Spaniard's admiral had above threescore shot through her; and many of his men were spoiled. Four other of their ships were sunk.

There were in that Fleet and that came from the shore to rescue them, 1,500: we slew of them 540, as we were credibly informed by a

Note that came to Mexico.

In this fight, the Jesus of Lubeck had five shot through her mainmast,, her foremast was struck in sunder under the hounds [the holes in the timber cheeks^ through which the ropes hoist the sails] with a chain-shot; and her hull was wonderfully pierced with shot: therefore it was impossible to bring her awfy.

They set two of their own ships on fire\*

intending therewith

\* It will be noticed that HORTOP's account differs somewhat from the  $^f$ ormer ones; and yet it may be harmonized. The fireships burnt neither the Mznion nor the Jesus; the latter of which was taken by the Spaniards,